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PAO PLEASE PASS ROBIN WINKS FROM STRAUS

1. YOUR TELEGRAMS SHOW USUAL HARD WORK YOUR PART AND WE APPRECIATE. WE HAVE READ REFTELS WITH INTEREST BUT FIND YOUR SHORT-HAND OCCASIONALLY BAFFLING.

2. USIA IN PRINCIPLE INTERESTED IN MAKING AVAILABLE UP TO \$10,000 THIS PROJECT AS YOU INDICATE BUT USE OF THESE FUNDS AS WELL AS \$25,000 CU MONEY ALREADY MADE AVAILABLE TO SALZBURG SEMINAR MUST BE MORE CLEARLY DELINEATED AND COST BREAKDOWN SET FORTH. THIS MUST BE IN HAND CERTAINLY NO LATER THAN CONCLUSION OF FALL MEETING. CONTRARY TO INDICATION CONTAINED VIENNA'S 5992, IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING DEN HOLLANDER PERSONALLY UNWILLING HANDLE DISBURSEMENT ANY FUNDS, A POSITION WE RESPECT. WE SEE SCENARIO OF FUNDING TRAVEL AND PER DIEM AS FOLLOWS:

A) LIST OF EUROPEAN SCHOLARS AND AMERICAN SCHOLARS RESIDING IN EUROPE TO BE INVITED IS TO BE DRAWN UP BY SMALL UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF DEN HOLLANDER, BUNGERT, GLOVER,

YOU OR FORREY, AND POSSIBLY ONE OR TWO OTHER EUROPEANS.
SHOULD COPANS BE PART THIS GROUP?

B) INVITATIONS WILL BE EXTENDED ON EAAS STATIONERY (WHICH WE UNDERSTAND DEN HOLLANDER WILLING TO MAKE AVAILABLE). SECRETARIAL SERVICES FOR THIS (AND RETURN ADDRESS) TO BE SUPPLIED BY SALZBURG SEMINAR FROM FUNDS PROVIDED BY CU.

C) SCHOLARS WOULD EITHER (1) FUND OWN TRAVEL (WHICH SOME COULD CERTAINLY DO); (2) HAVE OWN INSTITUTIONS FUND TRAVEL; (3) APPLY TO EAAS C/O SALZBURG SEMINAR FOR TRAVEL SUBSIDY; (4) DISCUSS TRAVEL SUBSIDY WITH CAO IN COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE; OR (5) IN CASE OF AMERICAN SCHOLARS IN EUROPE UNDER FULBRIGHT GRANT, APPLY TO COMMISSIONS FOR INTER-COUNTRY LECTURER GRANT. WE REALIZE THAT LETTER OF INVITATION WILL HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY DRAFTED TO PROVIDE ALL THESE POSSIBILITIES WITHOUT OFFENDING ANYONE OR SHOWING TOO DOMINANT AN AMERICAN HAND, BUT FEEL SURE IT CAN BE DONE.

D) WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT DESIRABLE TO PAY INDIVIDUAL PER DIEM. IF SALZBURG SEMINAR CAN PROVIDE ROOM AND BOARD AT \$30 PER DAY PER PERSON (4 DAYS FOR APPROX 100 PERSONS EQUALS \$12,000) WE THINK THIS MUCH TO BE PREFERRED, THUS MAKING STAY AT SALZBURG FREE FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS.

3. FUNDS SO FAR AVAILABLE (\$35,000) SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT DEFRAID EXPENSES UNDER ABOVE SCENARIO BUT DEPT WILLING TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL FUNDING IF PROVED ESSENTIAL. ALSO, UNDER THIS SCHEME, SALZBURG SEMINAR WOULD BE ONLY RECIPIENT OF FUNDS OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALIZED TRAVEL ASSISTANCE MADE AVAILABLE FROM POSTS' GOE OR COMMISSION GRANTS (2C 4 AND 5 ABOVE).

4. WHILE WE BELIEVE YOUR PROPOSED AGENDA VERY GOOD WE WONDER IF IT NOT ESSENTIAL THAT PLANNING COMMITTEE, PERHAPS SAME AS THAT IN 2A ABOVE, AGREE ON AGENDA SO THAT EUROPEANS ARE NOT MADE TO FEEL THAT AGENDA PRE-SET WITHOUT THEM.

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5. DO NOT QUITE UNDERSTAND PARA 9 YOUR ROME 9413. PLEASE ELUCIDATE.

6. JEAN LASHLY WILL BRING TO YORK MY THOUGHTS ON TIMING OF OCTOBER/NOVEMBER PLANNING MEETING. KISSINGER

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